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WAITING FOR PAPA.

I'm four years old and mamma says I'll soon be tall like papa was. And wear a coat as big and long. Just like my brother William does.

I wonder where my papa is. He used to laugh and play with me. And bounce me up. Oh! awful high. Till he was tired as tired could be.

We used to have Oh! such good fun. When all his work was done, and he would take me in his arms and tell so many pretty tales to me.

One night he couldn't play with me. And was so sick—Oh! awful so. And mamma cried, and looked so sad. And so did brother William, too.

I was so lonesome that I crept away upstairs and couldn't play. Then mamma came up very late. And said my papa went away.

She says I'll see him very soon. But why does William turn away. And look so often out of doors? My mamma says I'll know some day.

A Dastardly Crime.

The following is taken from the Alaskan Miner at Juneau:—Some time ago we published the fact that what was believed to be a continuation of the Ready Bullion vein had been discovered and located across the channel and immediately adjoining the townsite of Juneau. The discoverers and owners of the property were not men of sufficient means to embark in the purchase of expensive machinery, they therefore made arrangements with Wm. H. Ebner by which he was to provide suitable means for developing and exploring the property.

Mr. Ebner arranged for certain machinery, consisting, among other things of hoisting plant, compressor and boiler to be shipped up here.

This machinery was on the Topeka and much delay was occasioned in getting it to town. After its arrival it was taken to the mines, with the exception of the boiler. This was in progress of transportation, and had been moved over the brow of the hill behind town, and within a quarter of a mile of the mine. The contractor, who was moving it, left everything secure for the night, the rollers had been removed from the heavy sills and as a precaution a heavy rope was attached to the boiler and attached to a tree stump.

About midnight Wednesday the citizens of Juneau were startled by a loud metallic report, some thought a powder house had blown up, and others, that an explosion had occurred at Treadwell's.

Nobody thought it worth while investigating the cause of the noise and it was not until work time next morning that the nefarious deed was discovered.

It would appear that the intention was to let the boiler run down into the basin beneath, the rope which held it was severed all but one strand. This proving unavailing, powder or dynamite was placed in the tubes over the fire box with the result that half a dozen of them were torn or twisted out of shape, the iron supports shattered and the cap of the boiler was blown out and dropped in the road two hundred yards away, a shapeless mass.

Nobody offers any explanation of the affair and no credible theory has been advanced to account for such wanton destruction of property. As we write this the Chamber of Commerce is about to meet to deal with the matter and powerful resolutions will doubtless be passed.

Rich Ketchikan District.

O. W. Grant and J. W. Darling have uncovered the famous Gold Standard ledge on Helm Bay, 700 feet above Dyer & Johnson's tunnel. The Gold Standard property has proven to be fabulously rich and the fact that the ledge has been struck so far away caused great excitement. Free gold in large quantities was found in a good sized vein on a direct line with the ledge from which Dyer & Johnson have taken so much gold. The property was immediately bonded to a Seattle syndicate. It was named the Gold Coin group.

A big strike in the Sea Level mines is reported. The Sea Level shows two ledges on the surface which are evidently dipping towards each other. The owners expect to strike the combined ledge at a depth of fifty feet. When their shaft reached a depth of thirty-five feet the other ledge came in. This gives the Sea Level an immense body of free-milling ore.

On the southern end of Gravina island W. H. Gilmore struck a ledge of 20 percent copper ore almost on the shore. It is over nine feet wide and gives evidence of being a bonanza. Mr. Gilmore was formally manager of the Gipsy Queen mines.

Big Fire at Circle City.

Shortly after 11 o'clock Saturday morning, January 14th, the town of Circle City was called out to see the largest dwelling house of the Alaska Commercial Company on fire.

It is stated to have been about 10:55 o'clock when Miss Anna Odland the cook while up stairs performing her household duties, noticed smoke in the house. She went downstairs and enquired of Nelson, an employee about the place, who had recently made a fire in her room. He thought nothing of the matter, but Miss Odland satisfied that there was a fire somewhere, soon discovered smoke coming from her room, and on opening the door saw a large body of flame issuing from about toe place where the stovepipe went through the partition. Immediately giving the alarm at the store, the clerks headed by Mr. Wheaton, who was in charge, rushed to the scene, and began vigorous work to put out the fire, for their all, trinkets beyond valuation were in their rooms, which by this time could not be approached on account of the flames which swept through the building.

The fire bell and the bugle call at the barracks soon brought to the scene of action the fire department and the soldier boys under Capt. Richardson. The crews of the Sovereign and Victoria were also on the spot, and gave every assistance in their power. The enthusiastic manner in which the men attacked the fire, and the apparent obedience of the flames at one time, gave hope that the building might be saved. But unfortunately the fire gained headway on account of the inflammable nature of the partition and lining of the walls, and soon broke out through the upper story. Being no longer able to confine the fire to any part of the building, it was evidently useless to attempt any further the saving of the dwelling. Then, very wisely, every effort was made to battle the flames with a view of saving the surrounding buildings. Mr. Wheaton gave orders to remove all goods from the warehouse adjoining, which was in immediate danger. The men worked like beavers and the end of the building nearest the fire was soon empty of goods; then snow and water directed against the structure inside and out, kept it cool. In the meantime, the roof of the dwelling having fallen in, the burning building was pulled apart. It was hard and steady fight, and resulted in the victory of the men being able to confine the flames to any part of the building and without injury whatever to the immediate buildings. During the fire Mrs. Crane put a notice on the door of her residence, opposite the fire, inviting all those engaged in fighting the flames to enter and have hot coffee and luncheon.

Mrs. Crane was kept busy for half a day serving those who entered cold and hungry. Judge Crane who was affected by the sight of many with wet feet and clothing, battling against the angry flames, 'came out with a bucket' as the boys expressed it 'and passed around the dipper.' In the A. C. Co.'s store liquor was also served for the ben-

efit of those who needed it, but many, especially those not connected at the fire, took advantage of the hospitalities by getting drunk. President S. J. J. of the Circle City hook and ladder company, received a few days ago a bottle with a good label, in honor of his not having touched a drop of liquor during the fire.

Several men had their feet frozen. Mr. Wheaton among others, while men at the water hole were a mass of ice from the feet to the knees. Many caught cold immediately after this, fortunately, notwithstanding the dangerous positions some placed themselves in, there were no mishaps at the fire.

Everything perishable in the house was a total loss; nothing was saved. By evening only a few smoldering embers remained to tell the story of the greatest fire that Circle has ever seen.

Mr. Wheaton, in an interview, expressed himself as unable to attach blame to any one for causing the fire. He stated that the fire in the stove of the cook's room was made as it had been hundreds of times before. He thinks there must have been some defect in the pipe. Mr. Wheaton estimates the loss at \$17,500.

Miss Odland, stated that shortly before the conflagration, a fire had been made in a stove in her room, by Nelson, the man who does the chores about the house. At the time, shortly after the fire was made, she was upstairs performing her duties when smelling smoke she rushed down stairs to investigate, and discovered some smoke coming from a ventilator leading from her room into the dining room. She opened the door of her room, when a volume of smoke drove her back. Then with great presence of mind she saw the door and hurried to the store for help.

Miss Odland received the greatest personal loss of any in the fire. She estimates her loss in dresses, furs, furniture and jewelry, and money at about one thousand dollars. Her wearing apparel being hardly replaceable.

Mr. Bates estimates his loss at nearly one thousand dollars. That which he valued above every other loss combined was the picture of his mother. An old relic, the first guitar brought to the Yukon, he misses very much, as well as his valuable collection of nuggets, which fortunately were partly recovered from the debris after the fire.

Bombarded with Gold.

At the bottom of a fabulously rich shaft on Thorn Arm, near Ketchikan, two men had a wonderful escape from death last week. A blast exploded and peices of gold-ribbed ore flew around the narrow shaft in every direction, cutting and bruising the two miners terribly.

The men were employed by the Sea Level Mining Company and the explosion occurred in a shaft that is being sunk on this rich property. As a result of the explosion Lee Williams is lying in a Seattle hospital with one eyeball cut in two by a sharp peice of rock, and numerous other injuries.

Mr. Williams was taken to Seattle on the Laurada, and was taken at once to the hospital. He will undoubtedly lose the sight of one eye.

The men had drilled one hole, which failed to explode. They took out as much of the powder as possible and started to drill another hole. There was some powder left in the dead hole, however, and the friction of drilling the new hole discharged it. The men do not know how they escaped being blown to peices.

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WHY don't the Chamber of Commerce act in the matter of sanitary measures to prevent an epidemic this spring? This is the question everyone is asking at the present time. There is plenty of money on hand to make the necessary work possible; and we hope it will not be necessary to again call the attention of that body to the fact that the sanitary condition of our city requires that some action be taken at once.

THE ice is running out of the Stikeen in large quantities and if the weather holds warm, navigation will be open in a few days. The spring rush will start with the first boat. Many prospectors are now waiting in Vancouver and Victoria, and at Puget Sound points, for word that the river is open. When such word is received, Wrangel will witness a material increase in the number of her inhabitants. The citizens of Wrangel should not lose sight of the fact that every prospector who comes to Wrangel, and especially such prospectors as meet with success in this vicinity, is doing our City some good. There is no question as to the ultimate growth of Wrangel. The question is simply how long a time will elapse before this place attains something like the size that was predicted for it one year ago.

THE feeling of confidence in the reindeer scheme of Sheldon Jackson, which appears to dominate among officials in Washington is not shared by the people of Alaska, who are a unit in declaring the scheme not only not feasible, but simply a subterfuge. It is a well known fact that the reindeer which were brought to Alaska by Sheldon Jackson at great expense to the government, were shamefully neglected. So much so that nearly, if not quite all died, and none of them were put to any practical use here. Reindeer might be made to serve a useful purpose in Alaska; but a man whose sole object is the collection of curios for his personal gain, is not the man to put the scheme to a practical test.

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THE press of Alaska with the exception of the organ of the Governor continues to assail the new Alaska criminal code, and all agree that the law is unconstitutional and contrary to the principles of free government by providing for taxation without representation. It is quite probable that an effort will be made to defeat the law in the courts, although such a course would entail great expense and might drag along for a number of years. The course is for the people of Alaska to send a delegate to Washington at the next session of Congress, who will be capable of making proper representations relative to Alaska and the needs of its inhabitants.

THE boom at Ketchikan has so far shown no abatement. Each mail brings advices of more and better strikes in that neighborhood and every prospector to arrive here from there, confirms the printed and written story. Ketchikan has for years been not much more than an Indian trading station; although it was a well known fact that rich prospects lay in that immediate vicinity. Now that development work has begun in earnest, people may look for more startling news. Ketchikan, yesterday a mere point on the map is coming to the front, and to-morrow may find it a thriving community.

THE people of Wrangel have just cause for being indignant at the actions of certain steamboat captains who pull out of Wrangel late in the afternoon when they can't possibly get through the narrows before next morning. It would seem that to remain over night in Wrangel, rather than anchor in the Narrows, would be much more agreeable to both passengers and crew, and especially since so many boats have recently gone on the rocks through their efforts to make a quick trip. There is considerable talk of instituting a boycott against all boats that persist in coming to anchor at the Narrows, in preference to remaining at Wrangel.

ONE of the greatest drawbacks to the development of Southeastern Alaska is the fact that the mining laws of this country deal so leniently with the prospector. There are a great many claims which would be developed if the mining laws required the holders to do a sufficient amount of development work, or loose all claim to the property. It is not the intent of the law to allow a man to hold a claim year after year by relocating without doing any actual work. Such relocation is a fraud on the government, and the courts have always held it to be such. The sooner the miners get together and formulate new mining laws, the sooner the country will be developed. A prospector should be compelled to do a certain amount of excavating within not more than two months from the time of filing on a claim. If such a law were in force prospectors would not be content to plaster the whole country with location notices, and then go around boasting of their rich claims. As a matter of fact such claims are worthless unless developed. A shaft ten feet deep if put down on every claim, within two months from date of recording, would show the honesty of purpose on the part of the locator, and would also demonstrate whether the location amounts to enough to justify the investment of capital. Until some such law is enforced, no great amount of work

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The Cassiar country lies in the province of British Columbia between 54 and 60 degrees north latitude and longitude 174 and 134 degrees west of Greenwich, and has a surface area of about 20,000 square miles.

The topography is that of one central table land, about 100 miles wide running northeast and south west, hemmed in by the Rocky Mountains on the east and the Coast range on the west.

In the north end of this great Cassiar plateau is Lake Teslin, the source of the great Yukon river. Eastward is Dease Lake which empties its waters into the Arctic Ocean.

Farther south the great Stikine river rises, and, swelling with numerous tributaries, becomes navigable 150 miles from its mouth, breaks through the Coast range, and empties into the Pacific ocean at Wrangel.

The region has a few Indians of the Stik tribe and language. The climate is very cold in winter; the summers are delightful. East of the Coast range the humidity is small. Its agriculture possibilities are untried.

To all this grand, undeveloped country, Wrangel is the door.

The Cassiar district includes the most northern region of gold mining in British Columbia, and some of the creeks which have been worked lie to north of the 60th parallel, or northern boundary of the province. Dease lake, latitude 28 degrees, 30 minutes, longitude 150 degrees, may be considered as the central point of the district. This lake is the source of the river of the same name, which is a tributary of the Liard, itself a branch of the Mackenzie. Gold has already been found and worked on the bars of the Stikine for 11 years, when Thibert and McCullough coming through from the east reached and discovered the rich deposit of the Liard drainage basin in 1872. The miners, who flocked into the district came by way of the Stikine river, though a route for cattle and pack animals was also opened overland from Frazer lake. Dease, Thibert and McCullough creeks and their tributaries, have proved the richest, and a large quantity of gold has been obtained from them, though the yield has of late years become comparatively inconsiderable. The region presenting identical or analogous characters with that portion of it which proved to contain these rich deposits is very extensive, and much the same remarks have been made in regard to the exploration of the Omenica district, apply here also, though the cost of living in Cassiar has usually been more moderate. The country is generally wooded and mountainous and difficult to traverse, but a wagon road or even a railroad might without difficulty, be constructed from the head of navigation on the Stikine river to Dease lake, and this will, no doubt, eventually be accomplished, as discoveries of veins of the precious metals are confidently to be anticipated. Argentiferous galena has already been found, and the rough unworn character of the gold on some of the creeks leads to the belief that its source might be ascertained without much difficulty. Coarse gold is found locally on that part of the Stikine above Telegraph Creek, and the circumstances appear to indicate the existence there of an old channel above the present river level, but covered with massive basalt of tertiary age.

Difficulties have been encountered in Cassiar from permanently frozen soil met with in mining, but when once the covering of forests and moss has been cleared off by fire these disappear. The gold yield of the Cassiar district from the commencement of mining to 1888, so far as known, is \$4,929,394 which does not include the earlier years of mining when work was confined to the Stikine river.

THE CASSIAR BOOM.

A History of the Great Rush of 1874

Gold has been an attractive element to mankind from the earliest dawn of history, and that its attractiveness has not decreased is evidenced by the eagerness to search in every available place. The Cassiar mines, which were discovered in 1873, have taken on a new impetus. The Cassiar country, which extends over a large area, lies northeast of Wrangel. In 1873 McCollough and Thibert first found gold on McColloughs bar, (named in honor of the former for the discovery) on Liard river.

The next spring of '74, the year of the great rush, a large party set out for the gold regions. Thibert and McCollough were members of the party, but death overtook McCollough and his remains were buried on the banks of the Stikine river. Dease and Thibert creeks were worked extensively and gave a handsome return for their labor.

The next spring of '75 the Moore Bros. obtained a charter from the Government, and a trail was constructed from Glenora in a north-easterly direction to the head of Dease lake, a distance of 72 miles (which covers nearly the same ground as the old Indian trail) crossing the Tahl tan and Tuya river. Dease lake is about 25 miles and on an average of about three miles wide. Over this trail pack trains were run and goods were transported at forty cents per pound. They finally sold out to the government.

The rush to the Cassiar country all went by way of the Stikine river, and the trail from Telegraph creek. In succeeding years several creeks were found to be rich in the precious metal and mining was carried on actively, on all of the streams. The gold dug out of Walker's creek was of the most valuable character; the gravel paid as high as \$20 to \$25 per man per day.

Placer mining, except a few tunnels in which were used what were called China pumps.

In this country are found some exceedingly rich quartz mines, but the difficulty of access, and the expense of transportation has heretofore almost defeated the attempt to mine them successfully.

Mining was exceedingly easy as compared with other countries, as pay dirt was found at depths ranging from four to six feet on the surface. An abundance of timber and considerable water was easily obtainable.

The surrounding country is mountainous (but no high mountains crossing the trail), interspersed with prairies containing bunch grass, timber and swamp grass in large quantities.

These mines which yielded so well in the early '70's, are now receiving renewed attention. Large companies with great amounts of money are commencing operations. As an evidence of their richness, the British Columbia government last year made a grant to an English company of 500,000 acres of land in the Cassiar district if it will build a line of railroad from the Pacific coast to Dease lake, which will open up both the Cassiar and the Omenica mines.

In looking at the map it will be seen that the Cariboo, Omenica, Cassiar, and the rich Yukon mines are all in the same mineral belt.

It was the Cassiar excitement which gave Wrangel its first prominence. Hundreds of prospectors would spend the summers in that country and come to Wrangel in the winter, returning the next spring. This place was also the source of supplies at that time as it is now.

AROUND ABOUT TESLIN LAKE.

One of the best qualified to speak of the country around Teslin lake and the Pelly river is A. L. Pondreer, Dominion land surveyor, who has spent years in the north country at the head of a surveying party, working for the Government. Speaking of the country south of Teslin lake, he has this pleasant account to give:

The country north of the Stikine is perhaps a little more wooded than further south, but, nevertheless, food for horses is very abundant. Gold is found on nearly every stream, and on the Thuiton and Dodedonto rich prospects have been located.

Teslin lake is a very beautiful sheet of two to six miles in width and about eighty miles in length. The shores are not high, and are generally covered with the same short growth of trees which characterizes all the interior plateaus.

The river coming out of Teslin lake is called the Hootalingqua, and then the Lewis to the point where the Pelly reaches it, at old Fort Selkirk, where it takes the name of Yukon. I believe this is wrong. The Hootalingqua and

Lewis are, by far the largest feeders of the Yukon; they are also in the same line of direction. Therefore, according to the rules of physical geography it should be called the Yukon, and Teslin lake is its source.

Two noted gold fields are known in New Caledonia—the Omenica, north of Frazier lake, and the Cassiar, which begins at Telegraph Creek. Large amounts have been taken from this locality. In Omenica powerful companies have started hydraulic mining on a large scale, and no doubt the same will be done in the Cassiar. People with experience in that line and with sufficient capital do not need to go as far as the Yukon. Cassiar offers as rich a prize as the Klondike to the hydraulic miner.

Large tracts are not yet prospected at all, even for placers, and nothing whatever has been done in the line of quartz mining. It is known that rich deposits of galena ore occur on the Skeena, and rich copper ore is to be found on the Stikine and on Teslin lake. Native copper has been mined for ages by the Indians from this locality, and has been hammered into shields and beaten into currency, which can yet be obtained.

For those who wish to take horses or cattle, the trail described offers no dangers of any sort, nor difficulties. Far from it. It is one of the most pleasant trails to travel, and I have remembrance of many days employed, riding gaily along, and camping at night, loaded with game. With such a climate, during spring, summer and autumn, it is easy to forgive a few weeks cold weather.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Fresh Bread at Weigels Bakery.

Dr. F. W. Lapsley left for Ketchikan on the Rosalie to be gone for a few days.

Hunt Grocery Co. General market place for Wrangel.

E. D. Stratford, of Roseburg, Ore., is expected up in a few days.

Have you a ticket at Carlyon's?

"16 to 1" Sawyer is preparing to leave Wrangel for a short time on a prospecting trip.

All kinds of fresh and salt meats and fish kept by the Hunt Grocery Co. Try them.

C. H. Sundmacher returned from Juneau on the Utopia.

Dressmaking done—Mrs. Haught, Stikkeen House.

A. G. McBride, the well known newspaper man from Douglas Island, was a passenger south on the Cottage City.

For a first class shave, hair cut or shampoo, patronize the O. K. Tonsorial parlors. Finest brands of Cigars & Tobaccos.

U. S. Marshall J. M. Shoup came down on the Cottage City and returned the same day on the Al-Kl.

F. E. Cagle has opened a tin shop in the Bloomhardt Block, 214 Front St and is prepared to do all kinds of work at short notice.

The Merchantile Restaurant expect to go out of business in a short time.

In order to furnish amusement for passengers and crews of steamers which tie up at Wrangel overnight, it is proposed by the Wrangel Mandolin Club to give a concert and dance on evenings when the boats are here.

Co. H, 14th Infantry has been increased by the arrival of a number of recruits from below. It is the intention to bring the number of members of the Co. up to the limit of a full company, which means 106 men.

Have you subscribed for the Journal? If not, why not?

Harry Wilson, of the Hospital Corp, who has been on the sick list, is again restored to health.

Bargains in watches at Carlyon's.

Our motto at the Blue Front: "Strive to please." Lunches prepared to suit. Open until midnight.

Robert Reid, of the firm of Reid & Sylvester, went on board the Eleanore to be gone a few days.

All kinds of location blanks for sale at this office.

Deputy quartermaster W. D. Grant left for Ketchikan on the Cottage City. He will return in a few days.

Wrangel has the best pies, cakes, and preserves in town.

Co. H, 14th Infantry, the well known mining company, has been in town a few days on business, returning to Vancouver Thursday.

Fresh Eastern and Sound oysters, and choicest creamery butter. Fresh meats etc at Hunt's Grocery.

The Porcupine Quill, a bright newsy paper published at Haines Mission, has reached our table. The Quill is alright and a credit to the great Porcupine country whose interests it is intended to serve.

The Journal is for sale at the P. O. news stand, S. J. Jensen's drug store and the Hunt Grocery Co.

E. F. Cassel of Seattle is registered at the Fort Wrangel hotel. Mr. Cassel came in on the Golden Gate from Shalishan where he has valuable mining claims. It is his intention to put in a stamp mill and do considerable development work there this summer.

The steamer Utopia went to Kasack Inlet for fish on her last trip down.

I was reading an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic and Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the Worcester Enterprise recently, which leads me to write this. I can truthfully say I never used any remedy equal to it for colic and diarrhoea. I have never had to use more than one or two doses to cure the worst case with myself and children.—W. A. Stroud, Pokemoke. For sale by The Wrangel Drug Co.

The Government steamboat inspectors, who were in Wrangel a short time ago, are expected back in time to catch the Golden Gate for Hunter's Bay. From there they go to the Yukon.

Weigel makes a specialty of fine pastry to order.

Jas. Rowan, a wealthy mine owner from below and a partner of W. D. McCloud of Howcan is expected on the Cottage City on his way to visit properties on the West coast of Prince of Wales Island.

Best collection of Books in town at the Hunt Grocery Co., 326 Front street.

James Davidson, the Supt. of the Hunter's Bay cannery, is due on the Cottage City Wednesday next.

The sawmill steamer Alaska returned from Juneau, Thursday, with the Garret in tow. She will leave to day with lumber for Yas Bay.

Test your eyes at Carlyon's.

F. J. Roundtree has returned from his claims on Silver Creek in the Wynnum Bay district bringing a phial of nuggets to show for his efforts. Mr. Roundtree reports the country around Wyndum Bay as being alright. Karl Koberstein and his party arrived the day Mr. Roundtree left.

W. G. Thomas returned from the north on the Cottage City.

Home cooking at the Blue Front Restaurant. Try us!

C. L. Wayland of Seattle, a U. S. Post office inspector, is in Wrangel on official business. Mr. Wayland is on his regular trip through Alaska and after inspecting the offices on the coast he will go into the interior and down the Yukon.

Patronize the Postoffice News stand when you want stationary, candy, cigars and tobacco. All the leading papers and magazines always on hand.

If you cannot get what you want elsewhere, try the Hunt Grocery Co.

Duncan McKinnon deserves great credit for the thorough way he has cleaned up Loftus Alley in front of his cabins. It would be well if others of our citizens would emulate this good example and do a similar service for the community.

New rings at Carlyon's.

Geo. Clark, the well known Real Estate dealer, and Secretary of the Alaska Gold Mining Association, left on Thursday, accompanied by two others, for a point on the Stikkeen river twelve miles above Cottonwood Island. They have news of a rich vein of quartz at that point, which, if it should prove rich, will be extensively worked this summer.

It is rumored that the proprietor of the Fort Wrangel hospital has failed to pay rent for many moons, and on that account a writ of ejectment will, in all probability, be served on the proprietor as soon as Deputy Grant returns from Ketchikan.

A fine lot of Watches at Carlyon's.

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Mr. Cyler is one of the leading merchants of this village and one of the most prominent men in this vicinity.—W. G. PHIPPIN, Editor Red Creek Herald. For sale by Wrangel Drug Co.

7 Years Old.

Mrs. C. H. Sundmacher entertained a party of young people at their home yesterday; the occasion being the birthday of their daughter MARY. The afternoon was spent in games; after which, all present enjoyed a bountiful spread prepared by Mrs. Sundmacher. The following young people were present: Lillie Sullivan, Payson and James Thwing, Hazle and Freddie Whitney; Etolin and Johnnie McKinnon; Pauline Goodwin, Lulu McGee, Jeanie Lamoreaux, Glenn and Sterlin Garret, Elsie Clark, Lulu Fraser, Beryl and Norine Wilson; Master Cagle, Birdie Frobesie, Dolly Case, Steve and Benjamin Grant; Clara Tait, Gladys Roundtree, Millie Sylvester, Louis Weber, and Mary Sundmacher.

Court Notes.

Five Indians were up before the Justice of the Peace yesterday charged with drunkenness. In the absence of the Deputy U. S. Marshall the Justice issued warrants and appointed a special deputy constable to serve them. Three of the Indians were given ten days in jail.

A Reliable Pilot.

Any one wishing to engage the services of a reliable guide and pilot who is familiar with the entire coast of South eastern Alaska, can do so by calling at this office, or at Reid & Sylvester's store. A great many mining experts and others will come to Alaska this summer with a desire to visit some particular locality along the coast. All such persons will find it to their best interests to obtain the services of a perfectly reliable pilot, who, from long experience is acquainted with the Alaska coast and tide currents. This opportunity affords such persons a chance to visit in safety any locality they desire.

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Lena Thacker, Plaintiff.

vs.

D. L. Thacker, Defendant.

The President of the United States of America, To D. L. Thacker, The above named Defendant, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to be and appear in the above entitled Court, holden at Sitka in said District, and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within twenty days from the date of service of this summons upon you, and if you fail so to appear and answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint filed herein. The said action is brought to secure a dissolution of the bonds of matrimony now existing between the said plaintiff and said defendant by a decree of this Court, on the ground of a wilful desertion and non-support on the part of the said defendant for a period of more than (3) three years, as will more fully appear by the complaint filed herein.

And this is to command you, the Marshall of said District, or your Deputy, to make due service and return of this summons. Hereof fail not.

WITNESS the Honorable CHARLES S. JOHNSON, Judge of said District Court, and the Seal of the said Court affixed at Sitka in said District this 6th day of April, A. D. 1899.

ALBERT D. ELLIOT, Clerk.

CHAS. E. INGERSOLL, Attorney for plaintiff.

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